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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 17 February 1960

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Hare(State),
Mr. Harr, Mr. Irwin, Mr. McCone, Mr. Riddleberger,
Mr. Smith

1. Hospital at Nairobi

Mr. McCone reported that he had been approached by the [REDACTED] who was interested in a hospital at Nairobi, which has urgent need for cobalt products. It was estimated that the cost would be around \$50,000. Mr. McCone questioned whether ICA could finance this requirement directly, or whether it might be done through a private foundation, perhaps with ICA backing. The DCI commented that Mr. Francis Drake had mentioned this situation to him.

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2. Guidance on Reconnaissance Satellites

The Board then discussed what the guidance should be with respect to a public statement on reconnaissance satellites. The consensus was that we should avoid disparaging Soviet efforts in this field. No particular conclusions were reached on how our own satellites should be handled.

3. Procedures for Clearing Releases on Soviet Activities

The draft of a suggested procedure for obtaining clearances for publicity releases on Soviet missile and space efforts, which had been prepared by the DCI and circulated to the members in advance, was discussed. It was agreed that it should be made clear that the role of GMAIC would be limited to advice on security and technical matters and that it would not be expected to get into the propaganda field. It was decided that the Working Group should take the DCI draft and work up suggested broad guidelines.

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4. Panama

The situation in Panama was then discussed. It was pointed out that one of the factors that makes the situation more difficult for the U.S. Government than it might be otherwise is the assignment of responsibility for the Canal Zone to a subordinate element of Defense, i. e. the Army, rather than the Defense Department itself. It seemed generally agreed that it would be better to fix this responsibility at the DOD level.

5. U.S. -USSR Exchange of Exhibits

Mr. Allen alluded to the possibility that the U.S. might wish to participate in a fair scheduled for Leningrad in 1962, and that in return it might be advisable to invite the Soviets to exhibit at Chicago. He stated that it would be necessary to notify the Soviets in the very near future whether the U.S. wishes to take part at Leningrad.

The Board agreed that USIA should have the primary responsibility for the U.S. participation, if any. In the light of this position Mr. Allen said he would explore the availability of funds.

6. Trade Fairs

Mr. Allen also reported that Assistant Secretary of Commerce Kearns has apparently issued instructions that American exhibits at foreign trade fairs must be restricted to articles of U.S. manufacture. Mr. Allen commented that this requirement might prove to be too restrictive, as for example if an American manufacturer wished to exhibit an item actually produced in a foreign counter under U.S. license or direction. He said that he would talk to Mr. Kearns about this.

7. DCI Testimony Before the Jackson Subcommittee

The DCI told the Board about his testimony that morning before Senator Jackson's subcommittee. He said that he understood that other witnesses would include Mr. Lovett, Mr. Julian Sprague and a few others. Some concern was expressed about the testimony Mr. Sprague might give.

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8. U.S. Privileges in Greece

The Board then turned to a consideration of certain difficulties which have arisen in Greece with regard to perquisites of personnel assigned to MAAG. It was generally agreed that the most satisfactory solution would be for MAAG members to receive the privileges generally accorded to NATO personnel, but not to attempt to give them diplomatic immunity.

9. Mansfield Sprague Committee

Mr. Gray noted that the establishment of the Sprague Committee would be announced in the newspapers the next day, together with a list of members. He said that the President wishes to handle publicity about this committee in "low key," and that its report would not be made public although perhaps some excerpts might be.


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